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SUBJ: 5TH UN CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFINDERS: JUVENILE JUSTICE AD HOC "ROUND TABLE", SEPTEMBER 8.

- 1. ARRANGED BY JUDGE STEWART (TORONTO), AN INFORMAL GROUP INTERESTED IN JUVENILE JUSTICE MET AND AGREED THAT JUSTICE KIRBY OF CANADA WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH THE UN AND AUSTRALIA TO HAVE FORMAL SESSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (JJS) AT THE NEXT UN CONGRESS.
- 2. DURING DISCUSSION CONSENSUS WAS THAT JJS IS DESPERATELY SHORT OF RESOURCES, LADING TO MANY OF ITS DEFICIENCIES; THAT RELATIVELY LITTLE SOLID KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DELINQUENCY PREVENTION EXISTS; THAT MOST LARGE URBAN AREAS ARE EXPERIENCING SHARP RISE IN VIOLENCE BY JUVENILES AND THAT THERE IS A DISTINCE "HARD CORE" OF VIOLENT RECIDIVIST OFFENDERS GROWING IN URBAN AREAS HAVING "CORE CITY" CHARACTERISTICS.
- 3. COMMANDER PTER MARSHALL (LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE) DESCRIBED THE RISING HARD CORE PROBLEM, IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 250 IN THE GREATER LONDON AREA WITH MORE THAN 10 ARRESTS AND 106 OF THESE WITH MORE THAN 15 ARRESTS. LONDON MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY HAVE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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DISPOSITIONAL AUTHORITY EXCEPT A "CARE" (SUPERVISION) ORDER TO THE

LOCAL WELFARE AUTHORITY OR TO LEVY A FINE, AND FIND THEMSELVES HELPLESS IN THE FACE OF THE DANGEROUS RECIDIVISTS. A PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION IS STUDYING THE PROBLEM. JUVENILE DELINQUENT'S AGES ARE 10 THRU 16 IN UK.

- 4. MARSHALL STATED THAT VICTIMS MUST CONSENT TO THE POLICE DE-CISION FOR "CAUTIONING" BY THE POLICE WITH NO REFUSALS BY THE PUBLIC; THAT THE HARD COR RECIDIVISTS SHOWED HIGH CORRELATION TO LARGE SLUM AND CRIMINAL FAMILIES, THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE LAST ARREST FOR THE HARD CORE STUDIED WAS 14PLUS.
- 5. ITALIAN DEL (JUDGE DIGENNARO) STATED THAT IN NAPLES THE MALAD-JUSTED CHILD IS THE PRODUCT OF A MALADJUSTED ("STATUS" OFFENDER) FAMILY; THAT THE SPECIALIZED JUVENILE COURT STIGMATIZES SUCH CHILDREN; THAT THIS CHOULD CAUSE DOUBTS ABOUT THE "PARENS PATRIAE" DOCTRINE AND STRONGLY URGED HANDLING OF STATUS OFFENDERS, IN FAMILY SETTINGS RATHER THAN A JUVENILE COURT.
- 6. FRANCE, SCOTLAND, SWEDEN SUPPORTED FAMILY APPROACH TO JUVENILES. LONDON JUV. COURG JUSTICE (FREEMAN) QUESTIOND HOW MUCH FAMILIES COULD BE COERCED. THIS THEME RECOGNIZED SEPT 5 BY AUSTRALIA WHICH LABELLED HARD CORE JUVENILE DELINQUENT'S FAMILY UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO THE FAMILY APPROACH AND MOST LIKELY TO BE PATHOLOGICAL FAMILY.
- 7. CANADIAN DEL DESCRIBED IMPORTANCE OF VARIED RESOURCES, MENTIONING QUICKLY AVAILABLE AND TEMPORARY "SAFETY VALVE" AID FOR YOUTH UNABLE TO STAND FAMILY OR OTHR FRUSTRATIONS. AUSTRALIA DEL MENTIONED SPECIAL ATTENTION ASSISTANCE TO "CRIMINOGENIC FAMILIES" PROGRAM.
- 8. MILTON LUGER (US) DESCRIBED NEW YORK STUDY ON JUVENILE MURDERERS. ALMOST ALL MURDERERS HAD BEEN CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS. HARD CORE ARE ASILY FRUSTRATED, VERY POOR COMMUNICATORS, SERIOUSLY LACKING IN READING AND VERBAL SKILLS, VERY ACTION ORIENTED AND REACTING WELL TO PROGRAMS SUCH AS OUTWARD BOUND WITH HIGH EXCITEMENT CONTENT. HARD CORE WILL CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES TO PLEASE A "SIGNIFICANT OTHER PERSON" WHOM THEY TRUST AND RESPECT. THIS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AMONG CORRECTIONAL WORKERS WITH INCREASING UNION ORIENTATION TO WORKING HOURS, BENEUNCLASSIFIED

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FITS, ETC.

9. THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG GROUP ABOUT: LACK OF RESOURCES; HARD CORE VIOLENT DELINQUENTS; ROLE OF THE JUVENILE COURT AS LAST RESORT; AND THE BASIC CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INDIVIDULA CLIENT/PATIENT APPROACH VERSUS THE NEED FOR PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

10. JUDGE KETCHAM (U.S.D.C.) CONCLUDED WITH SUGGESTION THAT THE HARD CORE OFFENDERS NUMBERD SO FEW THAT EACH MEMBER STATES PRSENT COULD EASILY COMMENCE A STUDY OF THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PRESENT USEFUL COMPARATIVE DATA AT THE 6TH UN CONGRESS IN 1980. ABRAMS

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